GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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CANCELLATION OF LICENSES OF PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drug control administration has recommended that State Drug Controllers cancel the manufacturing and sale licences for many brands of leading Indian Pharmaceutical Companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefore, drug-wise and company-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): Based on complaint received by the Directorate General of Health Services, an exercise was conducted by them from the available information to find out the number of unapproved formulations available in the country. The therapeutic segments that were examined were analgesics, antipyretics, anti-inflammatory, muscle relaxants, antibiotics, etc. A list of such 294 formulations was prepared by the Directorate General of Health Services and the issue was taken up in the Drugs Consultative Committee meeting, in which all States Drugs Controllers were asked to take necessary action.